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#### THE THOMAS COUNTY CAT.

—Winter weather.  
—Hard weather on coal.  
—Eggs 25 cents per dozen.  
—Hardware at N. D. Bean's.  
—Butter 25 cents per pound.  
—Signs took a tumble Friday.  
—John Bean is at Seward, Neb.  
—Nails at N. D. Bean's.  
—Wagon stock at N. D. Bean's.  
—Fresh canned goods at Donelan's.  
—Sign the petition for a daily mail.  
—Al. Casey has gone east on a visit.

—All kinds of nails at I. H. Bullers.  
—Rainy Saturday and a light snow Monday.  
—The stilt craze has struck the small boys.

—Legal papers of all kinds kept at the post office.  
—A little son of W. H. Archer has been very sick.

—If you want candies or nuts go to the post office.  
—John Walker has built an addition to his house.

—Oberlin has had two first-class sensations lately.

—Fine fine of cigars and tobacco at the post office.

—W. H. Copeland returned from Minden, Neb., Tuesday.

—An I. O. O. F. lodge will soon be organized in Colby.

—This office is receiving new job material every day.

—The plastering has been completed in the Windsor House.

—Part of the county books are expected here this week.

—Miss Heaston, living near Otterbourne, has been quite sick.

—Cooking stoves and heaters at N. D. Bean's.

—Climax, Four X and Queen of the west flour at Donelan's.

—Remember Donelan carries the best brands of flour.

—Ira Jennings was up from Randall township Saturday.

—J. H. Huff has gone to Downs to be absent for a few days.

—Don't buy an overcoat until you see Donelan's new stock.

—Remember the CAT office can do you first class job printing.

—A few more pieces of land wanted by H. E. Weld, Colby, Kans.

—Frank Pingree has a few desirable claims for sale very cheap.

—Tinware neatly and promptly repaired at N. D. Bean's.

—J. W. Gilmour, trustee of Revolt twp., was in the city Friday.

—If you want to start a contest call on Wilcoxson & Vancleave.

—H. E. Weld buys and sells all kinds of wild and improved lands.

—F. S. Weaver started for Missouri yesterday to be gone a few days.

—Fine stock gents' furnishing goods will be opened at Donelan's.

—The county clerk can now be found over the Central Drug Store.

—N. J. Adams has just received a large stock of furniture of all kinds.

—If you want to prove up on your land, call on Wilcoxson & Vancleave.

—Harness, saddles and whips at N. D. Bean's.

—Bissell, of the Sherman County New Tecumseh, was in town Saturday.

—For law, land, loan or real estate business call on Wilcoxson & Vancleave.

—The balance of the population of Nebraska is expected early next spring.

—The school land injunction cases will be heard before Judge Lacey on the 23d.

—Mrs. J. B. McGonigal has arrived, and is stopping out on the claim with Me.

—Heavy wind storms and severe cold weather is reported from the eastern States.

—We understand that the lots in the new addition will soon be put on the market.

—Wilcoxson & Vancleave will make out your land papers, and guarantee satisfaction.

—Brooks, treasurer of Sheridan county, counted the chickens before the eggs were laid.

—Railroad, school, and all kinds of wild and deeded lands for sale by H. E. Weld.

—Jas. Fike, Ed. Hall and Frank Pingree attended the railroad meeting at Kenneth Saturday.

—F. H. Allison, of Filla, Neb., is here to stay. He is putting up a house on his homestead.

—I have some splendid seed corn for sale. Seed warranted good.

—Leave your order for a No. 1 set of hand-made harness at N. D. Bean's.

—John A. Walker has taken charge of the mail route between Colby and Oberlin.

—Call on I. H. Bullers and get an "Expert," the most wonderful baking stove ever invented.

—I have more town lots than anyone. Remember the place opposite the CAT office.

—The work of transcribing the records from Sheridan county will commence next week.

—All kinds of legal and land office papers promptly and accurately prepared by H. E. Weld.

—W. H. Archer was down to the county seat Friday. He reports his trade at Otterbourne good.

—The seats have been received for the new school house, and school will commence next Monday.

—County Clerk Fike will soon move his family into Rodgers' house, in the south part of town.

—If you want to sell your deeded land or school land Frank Pingree has a customer for you.

—Wm. Harvey has been appointed Under Sheriff by Sheriff Kingery. Wm. will make a good one.

—John Bean, with his bride, is expected back next week. The boys are going to give him a reception.

—If you want a good horse, set of harness and double wagon, enquire of Frank Pingree, opposite THE CAT.

—Settlers wishing government land in St John Co. Kansas, will do well to call on Beymer & Lewis, at Monument.

—A. Karper, Frank Pingree, Thos. Sutton, W. H. Kingery and N. J. Adams went up to Oberlin Tuesday.

—Yocum & Munshaw now make the trip to Oberlin in eighteen hours. They change horses every fifteen miles.

—MONEY: If you need funds with which to make final proof or wish to secure a loan on your arm, call on or address, H. E. Weld, Colby, Kans.

—Dr. J. Weld has resigned as manager of M. T. Rowland's drug store, and a gentleman from Iowa will take charge of it. Mr. W. will engage in the land business in Sherman county, and his many friends here wish him success.

—We want to close out our millinery stock by January 1st. Ladies in need of anything in that line should call early and secure a bargain.

J. W. ALLEN & SONS.

—McGonigal & Rodgers have formed a co-partnership in the land business. Mc. stays in Colby and Rodgers at Oakley.

—Winfield Freeman came up from Oakley yesterday to look over the town. He was considerably surprised at the growth of Colby.

—John Bruce has received his car load of lumber from St. Joseph, and will commence work on Martin's drug store at once.

—Considerable corn raised on sod in Thomas county, is coming to market. The ruling price is 35 cents per bushel.

—A job lot of ladies' and gents' underwear which we will sell at prices that will astonish the oldest inhabitant.

J. W. ALLEN & SONS.

—H. E. Weld has moved into his new house. By the way, Mr. W. has one of the neatest and best contrived residence houses in the west.

—We are almost sure of the Missouri Pacific railroad next season, and we also have brilliant prospects of securing the B. & M.

—Decorate your rooms and make home cheerful and attractive with a set of those chromo painted window curtains, at J. W. Allen & Sons.

—It is reported that material is being received at Oakley for the Oakley, Colby & Northwestern Railroad, and that work will soon be commenced.

—Don't forget that we are selling hats, caps, gloves, mittens, cloaks and dress goods at LOW WATER MARK before purchasing.

J. W. ALLEN & SONS.

—Scott, of the Voltaire, Sherman county Adviser, and Harwood, a land locator from the same place, were over Monday looking up mail business.

—Silk Wipes, in endless variety, of every description and pattern, just the thing for a Christmas present, at J. W. Allen & Sons.

—One of the best kept hotels in the west is the Colby House, under the management of F. S. Weaver. He spares no pains for the comfort of his guests.

—The Oberlin land office has not yet acknowledged the organization of Thomas county, and will not allow a proof to be made before the officers here.

—For right, down cussedness, Sheridan county officials take the cake. They labored hard to get the balance of the school land in Thomas and Sherman counties sold, but their game is blocked.

—Look out for another grand illumination, as we have another dozen of those beautiful hanging lamps coming among our other holiday goods.

J. W. ALLEN & SONS.

—The settlers of Thomas county are nearly all from west of the Missouri river, and know what life in a new country is, and they are bound to stay. With two seasonable years, every farmer in Thomas county can stand one drouth. But a drouth is not likely. The climatic change is here.

—J. W. Allen, the head of the firm of J. W. Allen & Sons, Oberlin and Colby, when down last week, informed us that they intended building a large store building here in the spring, if suitable lots can be secured. The firm of J. W. Allen & Sons is one of the most enterprising firms in western Kansas.

No, Johnny, the THOMAS CAT is not published in the Catskill Mountains, as you presume, nor yet in Catawissa, Pa., but somewhere out West. —Peck's Sun.

—Christmas comes but once a year, and J. W. Allen & Sons are at the front with their holiday goods at way down prices, so that father, mother, sister nor brother need go without a present.

As will be seen elsewhere, Messrs. Heming and Herring have formed a co-partnership in the land business at Quickville. These gentlemen are reliable gentlemen to do business with.

—A grand ball will be given at Huff's new hall on Christmas night, also another on New Year's eve. Tickets for each dance, \$1.00, or for both, \$1.50. Yocum's band will furnish the music.

—Final proof can now be made before the Probate Judge of Thomas county, Kansas, at Colby. W. G. Porter will make out your papers and attend to the business promptly and satisfactorily.

—The land officers have ruled that proofs can now be made before the probate judge. The land officers will not allow a proof to be made before the district clerk until they get a favorable opinion from the general land office.

—Bill Poster Henderson arrived here last week. Ring Master Davis is expected in at any time with the empty commissary department, while Side Show Whitcomb has not yet left Seward with the fat lady. This is the same musical aggregation that camped with us last summer until the rigid enforcement of the prohibitory law forced them back to Nebraska.

—The injunction papers were drawn up by County Attorney Porter and were served on the Treasurer of Sheridan county by Under Sheriff Harvey, last Saturday, stopping the sale of Thomas county school land in Sheridan county. We understand that an injunction will also be served stopping the sale of the Sherman county school land.

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**STRAYED.**

From my residence nine miles west of Colby, on Dec. 3d, one yoke of oxen, one large red steer, with broad horns branded on right hip, the other a light red steer with white on the back and crooked knees, both having yoke marks and about four years old. Anyone delivering the oxen or leaving information at Masters' stable, will be liberally rewarded.

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